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Special offer of seeds

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To the Trade:



WE BEG to inform our many customers and the trade that the present firm has been incorporated into a company under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania and will be known as the "**Holmes Seed Co.**"

The volume of business has grown so rapidly during the past few years that it has become necessary to increase our facilities for serving our many customers. We will at once increase our *acreage for growing seeds, enlarge our warehouses* and remove our *offices and salesrooms* to a larger and more convenient location.

Our increased facilities will enable us to meet your every want and places us in a position to successfully compete with any seed growers in the country. We shall continue in the future as in the past to serve you with *the very best seeds that can be grown* and at prices that will be an advantage to all. Will be pleased to quote you at any time when in need. If you have not already placed your order for next season send us a list of your wants and we will cheerfully name you our best prices.

Thanking you kindly for your past favors and trusting to receive a continuance of the same, we beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Officers and Directors.

- GEORGE A. GORGAS, PRESIDENT.
- H. L. HOLMES, V. PRES. AND GEN. MGR.
- E. Z. GROSS, TREASURER.
- ROBERT C. NEAL, JR., SECRETARY.
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HOUSER CABBAGE, from photograph showing SHAPE and SOLIDITY of head

The Houser Cabbage

This distinct variety of late Cabbage has come to stay. It is no longer a novelty with the seed trade. By thorough and exhaustive trial it is pronounced by leading seedsmen the largest hard-heading, finest grained, smallest hearted, best keeping cabbage known.

OUR CLAIMS which have been proven true by Seedsmen, Gardeners and Private Planters

First, Lateness. It is the latest of all large Cabbages, being at least two weeks later than any strain of the Late Flat Dutch type.

Second, Solidity. The **Houser Cabbage** can not be excelled in this respect by even the Danish Ball-head. Very compact, each leaf well overlapping the head.

Third, Size. It is fully as large as any of the late varieties, the heads averaging from 10 to 12 pounds. Many specimens have been grown to weigh 18 to 20 pounds.

Fourth, Shape. The heads are round and deep through, and should any of the heads crack, it is always at the stem

end, which does not destroy its use for market. The heart extends only 2 to 2½ inches into head.

Fifth, Quality. The main feature of a good Cabbage is tenderness. In this respect **Housers surpasses all others.** It is free from that coarse rib always found in late Cabbages.

Sixth, Yield. By reason of the compact habit of growth of the **Houser Cabbage** and its freedom from loose leaves, fully 500 to 800 more heads can be set out to the acre than of any other good-sized varieties. Fully **95 per cent.** of these plants in an ordinary season will make good merchantable heads.

Mr. J. M. Lupton, the well-known Cabbage grower of Long Island, has been growing and selecting the Cabbage for us. Mr. Lupton says:

"The **Houser Cabbage** is entirely distinct from anything I have ever grown or anything now on the market. It is fully two weeks later than other sorts, an excellent keeper, hard-heading, and is all right. If you wish to dispose of it to a good advantage you should have no trouble. The Cabbage is a first-class keeper, retaining its color to a marked degree, and will carry through the winter for early spring market without rotting, as many other varieties do."

The yield of seed of this wonderful Cabbage has been very light this season by reason of the very unfavorable growing conditions. However the quality is extremely fine and we are prepared to supply it in limited quantities to the trade.

We offer for 1903

Single pounds, \$3.75; 5 to 10 pounds, \$3.50; 25 pounds and over at \$3.25 per pound.

TERMS: 2 per cent. 10 days; Net, 60 days.

Electros furnished free on all 5 pound orders or over. For cabbage testimonials see page 4.

HOLMES' PREMO

*The Earliest
Sweet Corn of all*

*A pure Sweet Corn five
to seven days earlier than
Dwarf Extra-Early Adams*



No seed novelty was ever introduced that gave such general satisfaction as Holmes' **Premo**. It is acknowledged by expert corn growers to be the earliest pure sweet corn under culture.

Recent reports from Mr. C. S. Clark, our grower, only confirm the claims we have made for this wonderful early corn.

Holmes' Premo 60-day Sweet Corn

It not only combines all the merits of the leading early varieties, but it is also really superior to them all, in size, quality and yield. Holmes' **Premo** can be planted fully as early as the Adams, for the young plants withstand slight frosts, while other varieties are tender and the seed will rot if planted before the soil becomes warm. The stalks grow about five feet high, and are very vigorous generally bearing **two well-developed ears to a stalk**.

CORN TESTIMONIALS

Dear Sir :—I purchased some of your **Premo Corn** and I find it to be just as you represent. The best and earliest on earth.

DURWARD McLAUGHLIN, Richmond, Kan., Sept. 15, 1902.

Dear Sir :—Your **Premo Corn** is very early and will stand very early planting.

CHAS. L. RENN, Feagaville, Md., Sept. 9, 1902.

Dear Sir :—Your **Premo Corn** is the very earliest of all early corn and very sweet in taste. Can not praise it too highly.

MRS. LIZZIE KEEFER, Rife, Pa., Sept. 12, 1902.

Dear Sir :—My neighbors could hardly believe **Premo Corn** was sweet as it matured so very early.

H. P. CAMPBELL, Holliday's Cove, W. Va.

Dear Sir :—I want to let you know that I am pleased with the **Premo Corn**. I planted 30 grains and 28 turned out alright. It is extremely early and just the kind I like.

G. H. KEITHLEY, Ashley, Mo., Sept. 28, 1902.

Dear Sir :—Your **Premo Corn** is grand and very early. All you claimed for it and more.

MRS. EMMA L. SPONSLER, Littlestown, Pa., Sept. 28, 1902.

Notwithstanding the exceedingly dry weather here this season your new Corn was ahead of all. We had large ears of excellent quality. It was about 60 days in maturing. Under favorable circumstances it will beat that.

ASA HARRINGTON, Bloomfield, Iowa, Sept. 30, 1901.

The Corn grown from your **Premo**, earliest of all Sweet Corn, was really very early, and each stock gave forth several large ears of excellent quality.

M. J. KELLEY, Tuckertou, N. J., Sept. 30, 1901.

I planted your **Premo** on May 30 with others, and it was the greatest surprise of all early Sweet Corns in earliness, being far ahead of Ferry's Extra-Early. I have kept it all to use next year.

M. M. PERSON, Nullboch, Pa., Sept. 1, 1901.

I planted thirty grains of your **Premo** May 1 and grew thirty thrifty stalks, free from suckers. It tasseled June 5, silked June 15, large enough to eat June 27—just 56 days from planting.

F. G. ZIMMERMAN, Limekiln, Md., October 10, 1901.

What Seedsmen Say

CORN

Early Premo is a wonderful fine strong grower and better than any other very early sort because it grows so strong and quick and free from smut to a remarkable degree.

C. S. CLARK, Wakeman, Ohio,
Sept. 8, 1902.

Dear Sir :—In our trial grounds the **Premo Corn** proved very early and of good size. We consider it a valuable sort.

J. M. THORBURN & Co., New York,
Sept. 13, 1902.

Your new Sweet Corn was planted in our garden, and it proved itself remarkably early for maturity and possessing for an early Corn extra good quality.

W. W. BARNARD & Co., Chicago, Ill.,
October 3, 1901.

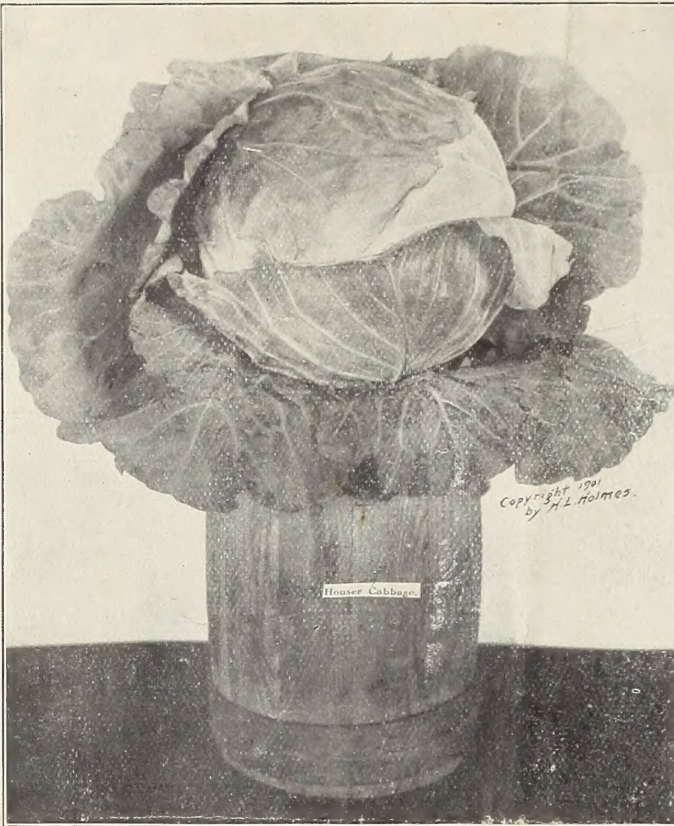
CABBAGE

Dear Sir :—It is a little early to report on **Houser Cabbage** but the prospects are that the ones trying it will be pleased. One party just told us this morning that he had cut a head that weighed 16 pounds trimmed.

S. M. ISBELL & Co., Jackson, Mich.,
Sept. 13, 1902.

Dear Sir :—Last Spring the demand for **Houser Cabbage** increased perhaps ten fold and this increase presumably was largely a result of the first season's planting proving satisfactory.

JOSEPH BRECK & SONS, Boston, Mass.,
Sept. 13, 1902.



CABBAGE TESTIMONIALS

Dear Sir :—The **Houser Cabbage** is an excellent late Cabbage, heads extremely firm and hard.

J. D. FULLER, Lafayette Springs, Miss., Sept. 18, 1902.

Dear Sir :—Have been very well pleased with the **Houser Cabbage**. It is the best late Cabbage we have ever grown.

MRS. M. CALLAWAY, Tenino, Wash., Sept. 22, 1902.

The **Houser Cabbage** is something wonderful. I had a large field out and they are the best that grow.

D. H. PARLETT, Scalp Level, Pa.

I planted the **Houser Cabbage** alongside of other good sorts and the **Houser** headed up fine where the others failed entirely. It is a great drought resister.

FRANK BEYERS, Pana, Ill., Sept. 27, 1902.

Dear Sir :—We opened a pit of over 100 heads of your **Houser Cabbage** to-day and found them in excellent shape—solid, tender and of excellent flavor. I am well pleased.

MRS. S. E. CULLUMBER, Amanda, Ohio, March, 26, 1902.

The shortage of corn this season is well known by this time to the trade but notwithstanding this **Premo** has yielded a fair crop and in quality is the finest we have yet had. From the orders already booked from the seedsmen the outlook is for an immense sale on **Premo Corn** the coming season.

Prices for this Season's Crop

1 Bushel, \$3.50; 5 to 10 Bushels, \$3.25;
25 Bushels or over, \$3.00.

Terms: 2 percent. 10 days; net 60 days.

Electros furnished free on all orders for 5 bushels or over.

Any information desired will be cheerfully given.

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